

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

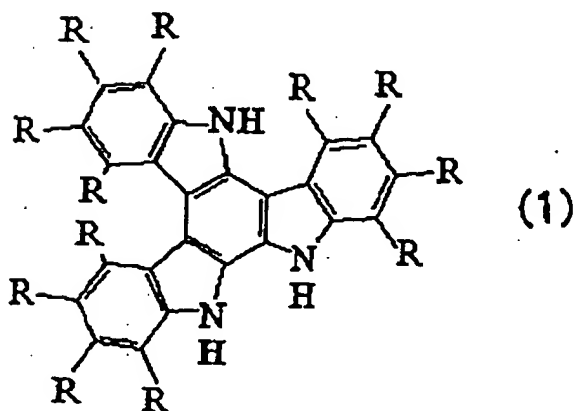
LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claim 1. (currently amended). A ~~charge-storage device~~ secondary battery having an active material of an electrode comprising a trimer compound comprising three units of indole or indole derivatives in condensed ring form, wherein the second position and the third position of each unit form a six-membered ring, and a proton which can be utilized as a charge carrier of the trimer compound.

Claim 2. (currently amended). The ~~charge-storage device~~ secondary battery as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the receipt and release of electrons in accordance with the oxidation-reduction reaction of the trimer compound are carried out only by the bonding and elimination of the proton bonded to the trimer compound.

Claim 3. (currently amended). The ~~charge-storage device~~ secondary battery as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the trimer compound is represented by the following general formula(1):

wherein each R represents a hydrogen atom or a substituent, independently.



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Claim 4. (currently amended). The ~~charge storage device~~ secondary battery as claimed in Claim 1 comprising an electrode containing 30 wt% to 95 wt% of the trimer compound.

Claim 5. (currently amended). The ~~charge storage device~~ secondary battery as claimed in Claim 1 comprising a solution containing 10^{-3} mol/l to 18 mol/l of proton as the electrolyte.

Claims 6-10 (canceled).

Claim 11. (currently amended). A ~~charge storage device~~ secondary battery comprising:
a first electrode with a first electrode active material;
a second electrode with a second electrode active material; and
an electrolyte intermediate between the first electrode and the second electrode, the electrolyte including a proton source material;

wherein the first electrode active material and the second electrode active material undergo a reversible oxidation-reduction reaction, and

both or one of the first and second electrode active materials comprise a trimer compound comprising three units of indole or indole derivatives in condensed ring form, wherein the second position and the third position of each unit form a six-membered ring.

Claim 12. (canceled).

Claim 13. (canceled).

Claim 14. (withdrawn). The charge storage device of claim 1, wherein said charge storage device is a capacitor.

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Claim 15. (canceled).

Claim 16. (withdrawn). The charge storage device of claim 11, wherein said charge storage device is a capacitor.